

MALTA

a. SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
I. TERRITORIAL SEA	Dec 71	Territorial Waters & Contiguous Zone Act, No. XXXII	6nm	
	Jul 78	Act No. XXIV of 1978	12nm	
	Jul 81	Act No. XXVIII		Enabling legislation authorizing regulations to require either prior notice or consent for passage of territorial sea by warships, nuclear-powered vessels, or vessels carrying nuclear/inherently dangerous/other toxic substances. Claims the right to have foreign warships or nuclear-powered vessels obtain prior permission.
				This requirement is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested this claim in 1984.
II. ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Dec 71	Territorial Waters & Contiguous Zone Act of 1971		Established straight baselines.
	Jul 78	Act No. XXIV		No change to straight baseline language. These claims are not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested claims in 1981 and 1984.
III. CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Dec 71	Territorial Waters & Contiguous Zone Act, 1971	12nm	
	Oct 75	Act. No. XLVI of 1975	20nm	
	Jul 78	Act No. XXIV of 1978	24nm	
IV. CONTINENTAL SHELF	May 66	Continental Shelf Act	1958 DEF	Became party to 1958 Convention on the Continental Shelf.
	Jul 66	Continental Shelf Act, Act No. XXXV	1958 DEF	
V. FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Dec 71	Territorial Waters & Contiguous Zone Act 1971	12nm	Fishing zone.
	Oct 75	Act No. XLVI of 1975	20nm	Fishing zone.
	Jul 78	Act No. XXIV of 1978	25nm	Fishing limits
	Jul 79	Act No. XXIV of 1978	25nm	Fishing zone.

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VII. MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Dec 87	Agreement		Boundary agreement with Libya EIF.
VIII. LOS CONVENTION	Dec 82			Signed.
	May 93			Ratified.
	May 93			Instrument of ratification deposited at United Nations. Declaration reiterated requirement of prior notification of warships and ships carrying nuclear or noxious materials in innocent passage.
	Jul 94			Signed Part XI Agreement.

b. DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

1. STRAIGHT BASELINES

A. LEGISLATION. No legislation has been filed with the United Nations, however, a chart of the baselines was included in Malta's memorial submitted to the International Court of Justice in the Continental Shelf (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya/Malta) case. This chart shows straight baselines entirely enclosing the islands, most significantly a straight baseline runs from the western-most point of the island of Malta across to the western-most point of the island of Gozo; another straight baseline connects the eastern coasts of the two islands. Baselines also run from the western-most point of the island of Malta, out to the island of Filfla and then on to the southern-most point of the island of Malta.

c. MARITIME BOUNDARIES

AGREEMENT BETWEEN MALTA AND LIBYA IMPLEMENTING ARTICLE III OF THE SPECIAL AGREEMENT AND THE JUDGMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Article 1

The delimitation of the area of continental shelf appertaining to [Libya] and the Republic of Malta respectively within the meridians 13° 50' E and 15° 10' E shall be arcs of great circles between the following points in the sequence given below:

Point	Latitude N	Longitude E
1	34° 40' 46"	13° 50' 00"
2	34° 40' 10"	13° 52' 31"
3	34° 39' 16"	13° 56' 09"
4	34° 37' 11"	14° 04' 15"
5	34° 37' 02"	14° 05' 14"
6	34° 35' 20"	14° 15' 37"
7	34° 34' 07"	14° 23' 54"
8	34° 33' 07"	14° 31' 29"
9	34° 32' 18"	14° 37' 24"

10	34° 31' 20"	14° 49' 07"
11	34° 29' 53"	15° 10' 00"

AGREEMENT BETWEEN LIBYA AND TUNISIA TO IMPLEMENT THE JUDGMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE
IN THE TUNISIA/LIBYA CONTINENTAL SHELF CASE

Article 1

The continental shelf delimitation line between the two countries consists of two sectors as follows:

A. The First Sector. Starts from the point where the outer limit of the territorial sea of the two countries is intersected by a straight line drawn from the land frontier point of Ras Ajdir, through the point 33° 55' North and 12° East seaward, forming a bearing of approximately 26° east, thus on the same bearing, to the point of its intersection with the parallel of latitude 34° 10' 30".

B. The Second Sector. At the point determined by the parallel latitude mentioned above (34° 10' 30") the line of delimitation is to veer towards the northeast, with a bearing of 52° and extends northeastwards till it meets a line of delimitation with third States.